

TIGER SPORTS



Football Bounces Back as Macon Showdown Looms

Ellis Hopson '16
Dean of Sports

After six consecutive wins since a season-opening loss, the wheels finally came off for Hampden-Sydney Football in a surprising 34-9 loss at Bridgewater. However, the Tigers quickly bounced back with a thrilling 35-28 overtime win against Guilford. The stretch run of the season will culminate with the 120th edition of "The Game" against archrival Randolph-Macon. With a win over the Insects, H-SC can finish the year as ODAC champions for the second year in a row.

The stage is set for "The Game" this Saturday, November 15th. The teams' records show a mismatch, with the Tigers at 7-2 and R-MC at 4-5. However, in a rivalry game such as this, the records can typically be thrown out the window. The contest should be a fascinating clash of styles, with H-SC's second-ranked passing offense facing R-MC's third-ranked rushing offense. Look for the Tiger offense to exploit Macon's questionable secondary through the air, and for the H-SC defense to attempt to shut down the Jackets' powerful rushing attack and force them to make plays in the passing game. With another ODAC crown on the line for Hampden-Sydney, this chapter in the rivalry should live up to the lore that is "The Game".

The Tigers traveled to Bridgewater on November 1st. The team's winning streak ended in shocking fashion, with a 34-9 defeat. The Tiger offense was relatively contained on the day,



Senior quarterback Nash Nance fires an excellent pass to receiver Joey Kernan against Guilford. Photo Credit: hscathletics.com

gaining only 208 yards through the air and 102 on the ground.

Senior quarterback Nash Nance was off his game on the day, going 15-of-34 for 204 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Senior receiver Holton Walker was relatively contained, hauling in four passes for only 37 yards.

The H-SC defense allowed 189 passing yards and 183 rushing yards. Senior safety John Moore led the team with nine tackles, while senior linebacker Josh Doggett recorded eight stops.

Both offenses started the game slowly, but the Tigers struck first when Nash Nance found senior Mitch Pereira for a 42-yard score. A missed extra point kept the score at 6-0. Bridgewater took the lead

late in the first quarter on a two-yard run to make the score 7-6. Bridgewater opened the second half with a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, taking a 21-6 lead.

H-SC responded on their next drive with a 20-yard field goal by senior kicker Max Antwerpes, but the Eagles answered with another touchdown pass to take a 27-9 advantage late in the third quarter.

The Tigers mounted a drive early in the fourth quarter, but the 16-play sequence ended when Nance was picked off. The interception led to a 61-yard run that sealed the victory for Bridgewater.

Hampden-Sydney returned home on November 8th to face Guilford on Hall of Fame Weekend. A four-yard touchdown run

by Nash Nance gave the Tigers give the overtime win in a thrilling contest. Holton Walker also caught his 39th career touchdown reception, setting a new H-SC record.

Nance bounced back with an impressive performance, going 19-of-28 for 237 yards and four touchdowns through the air, and recording 21 rushes for 138 yards and another touchdown. Holton Walker hauled in eight catches for 109 yards and two touchdowns.

The Tiger defense was led by John Moore, who recorded 11 tackles and one pass breakup. Sidney Henry added ten tackles and three pass breakups.

H-SC struck quickly on their first drive, as a 26-yard run by Nance was followed by the

record-breaking 34-yard touchdown reception by Walker.

Just before halftime, the Tigers mounted a 16-play drive that ended with a Nance touchdown pass to senior receiver Joey Kernan with 24 second left to give H-SC a 14-7 lead at the half.

Guilford started the second half with the ball and drove to the Tigers' five-yard line. On third and goal, junior cornerback Sidney Henry was able to break up a pass and force a Quakers field goal.

Nance found Walker again on the next drive, this time for a 25-yard score. The touchdown gave H-SC a 21-10 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Guilford cut into the Tigers' lead again, with a 67-yard touchdown pass and a two-point conversion. Nance quickly responded with a 25-yard score to junior receiver Michael Mey.

The Quakers drove deep into H-SC territory again, but were forced to kick another field goal to make the score 28-21 in favor of the Tigers.

Guilford's defense forced an important H-SC punt, and got the ball back with 1:56 remaining. The Quakers drove down the field and tied the game with an 18-yard touchdown pass with just 16 seconds left. The Tigers took a knee to send the game to overtime.

The Quakers won the coin toss and elected to defend first. A 13-yard run by Nash Nance set up H-SC in good field position, and two plays later Nance scored from four yards out.

Guilford started their possession needing a touchdown to continue the game. However, senior cornerback Dion Berry broke up passes on third and fourth down to clinch the victory.

Tiger Cross Country Prepares for Finale with an Elite Trio

Ethan Sabo '16
Guest Dean

This Saturday, November 15th, the Hampden-Sydney cross country team will travel to Berry College in Rome, Georgia, for the Regional meet. H-SC is sending its three top runners: freshman trio Max Morgan, Lucas Paris, and Cecil Tiblin to represent them. H-SC has struggled as a team this season, with injuries being a major factor, but these three runners have shined from day one. At the ODAC Championship meet, Morgan once again led the team, finishing 43rd overall and posting a time of 29:30.01 – his

fastest time of the season. Lucas Paris also posted a seasonal PR (personal record), finishing 76th with a time of 32:02.3, and Cecil Tiblin was third on the team finishing 86th overall with a time of 33:27.4.

In preparation for Saturday, Coach Pregaman says that the team is "focusing on the start and finish of the race; the 4.75 miles in the middle will take care of themselves." The regional course is particularly flat and fast, so the team isn't worrying too much about the endurance factor. "Good starts and good finishes will get them to their goal time", says Coach Pregaman. The last thing a runner wants is to get bogged down at the start of the race. Once the runner's desired pace

gets thrown off, it becomes very difficult to recover. The same is true for the finish. Like all sports, the most important part of the race is the end – the final stretch. According to Coach Pregaman, "You never want to get to the finish line and feel like you have something left in the tank. They will be facing the best and the brightest runners that the South/Southeast Region has to offer, but rather than focus on the competition, Morgan, Paris, and Tiblin say they are focusing only on themselves and what they can control. "My only goal is to run the best I can and to PR", says Morgan. Saturday's regionals will surely prove to be their toughest test yet, but H-SC remains confident and optimistic.

Tiger Swimming Opens Sails

Ellis Hopson '16
Dean of Sports

The Hampden-Sydney swim team has officially opened the winter athletic season with their return to a pool. On Friday, November 7th, the Tigers traveled to Sweet Briar to compete against Washington & Lee. Their campaign started in disappoint-



Swimmers! Photo Credit: hscathletics.com

ing fashion, with a 139-51 loss.

There were positive signs in the loss, however. The team of senior Lee Ayscue, junior Calvin Charles, sophomore Ryan Mitchell, and freshman Joseph Socha captured first place in the 200 meter free relay. They were followed closely by their teammates, as junior Gus Mohay and the freshman trio of Tyler Godwin, Miles Cutchin, and Evan Todero finished second.

Godwin also placed first in the 100 meter breast stroke with a time of 1:21.05, while Ayscue took second in the 50 meter free with a time of 27.09.

Hampden-Sydney will return to the pool on Wednesday, December 3rd when they host Ferrum College.

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In Memoriam: Caleb Wharton, One of Hampden-Sydney's Finest

Lukas Epps-Dawson '15
Staff Dean

Caleb Wharton, who tragically passed away on Sunday, November 2nd, 2014, is remembered fondly. At his service, his friends and brothers each took turns speaking about Caleb's life and personality.

Caleb was an Economics Major and was a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He went to Collegiate School in Richmond before coming to Hampden-Sydney College. David Thalimer '15 speaks fondly of Caleb and his impact on our community: "When Caleb came to Hampden-Sydney, I saw a lot of freshmen surround him. He developed a large group of friends early on. I was a year older than him and I saw how people immediately went towards him. He had a quiet personality, which gave people a very comfortable feeling around him. He had an infectious smile and was very caring. He had lots of interests. He was a sports fanatic and was into football, lacrosse, and basketball. He loved fly fishing. He was very independent."

Angus Musser '16 shares his

personal perspective on Caleb and shares some of his interests: "Caleb had a thirst for knowledge. He knew all these random facts about sports and fishing. Caleb was one of the most generous, caring, loving guys I ever met. He was my pledge brother and one of the best friends I ever had. He played lacrosse for a year and played intramural flag football and basketball. He was into Ducks Unlimited. Caleb loved to fish and spend a lot of time outdoors doing whatever he wanted to. He also loved his Chipotle burritos. We would just drive to Hull Street in Richmond, do the whole two hour trip, to go to Chipotle. We drove just to get the burrito. Caleb also loved dancing. He would dance really unorthodox, really different. He didn't care at all though."

Miller Golliday '16 knew Caleb for 13 years at Collegiate and another two-plus years at Hampden-Sydney College. "His smile would make the girls weak at the knees, and his laugh was so contagious." Miller shares a particular story about Caleb's adventures in the outdoors: "This one time we were out at the Brown farm, Turkey Island. The group was Caleb, Tucker, Tom Brown, and myself.

We stumbled upon a black snake curled up on the windowsill. Tom and I's first reaction was to jump back and get as far away from the snake as we could. Tucker, like he normally does, acted like he could handle it on his own, but it was really Caleb who was meant for the job. With no fear or hesitation at all Caleb grabbed that sucker around the head and put his hands around its mouth so it couldn't bite him. He took it outside, coiled around his arm, and let it free in one of the impoundments. A couple weeks later Tucker and I were again out at Turkey Island. Mr. Brown showed us another snake curled up in the same spot; who knows, it could have been the same one. Instead of trusting Tucker and I to take care of the problem Mr. Brown insisted that we wait for Caleb and Chase to get there so Caleb could take care of the problem. Yet again our guy came through and took that snake out to the impoundment. Stories like these exemplify Caleb's love for the outdoors, his fearlessness, and the trust that he instilled in people."

Miller shares some final words for Caleb: "You knew me better than anyone else in the world, and I'd like to think it was the same



Wharton (far right) with some of his closest friends. Photo Credit: Miller Golliday

the other way around. You've been there for me when my mom was sick, and so many other countless times. I love you so much, and not a day will go by where you

aren't in my heart and with me."

Caleb will always be a Tiger...
...a Hampden-Sydney man...
...a brother to us all.

General Sam Honored with Two Awards

Joseph Lantagne '16
Staff Dean

General Samuel Vaughan Wilson (USA, ret.), former president of Hampden-Sydney, received two accolades November 5th. The Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest, named in his honor, held the event on its lawn to honor one of the most influential men in our College's history.

Wilson grew up about ten miles down the road in Rice, Virginia, and enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 16 after hearing Winston Churchill on the radio. He served with Merrill's Marauders in Southeast Asia during World War II before going into the military

intelligence field. Wilson became an invaluable asset during the Cold War, where he was a part of many operations in Eastern Europe and within the Soviet Union due to his command of the Russian language.

General Sam would go on to become the director for the Defense Intelligence Agency, where he would coin the term that we use so often today, counterinsurgency. He is also credited with having a hand in creating Delta Force. His work was so important in these small wars and insurgencies that General David Petraeus (USA, ret.) claims his work is still considered useful today.

Wilson served as president of Hampden-Sydney from 1992-2000 and he returned to campus on Wednesday November 5th to receive a pair of honors. He was

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General Sam. Photo Credit: Cody Wright

A New Parking Policy on the Horizon in Light of Concerns

Alex Abbott '17
Social Media Dean

The parking policy on campus, which has been in place for decades, will be closely scrutinized in the coming months. The often confusing and sometimes inconsistent policy will probably be changed sometime next semester and put into effect for next year.

Students and faculty alike are sometimes mystified by the regulations, which are often not clear and can be enforced inconsistently. Jack Carignan '16 says believes that "our restrictions are ridiculous for this campus." Dr. James Frusetta, meanwhile, says, "I have no idea how the

parking [system] works." As such, many students and commuting faculty are in favor of a new policy.

Frusetta recounts an episode in which he parked "egregiously badly" in the Post Office parking lot. He left his car there the entire day and was never bothered about his car, prompting him to ask, "Why am I not getting a parking ticket?" He argues that a new policy should be explored and adopted, one which puts forth equality for everyone—students, faculty, and staff.

Frusetta also points out that the system can be frustrating in other ways; it is not always possible for faculty and staff to park where they work, which can lead to further confusion. When peo-

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Day of the Dead Celebration at the Spanish House

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The Modern Language Department celebrated the holiday El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) last October 30th at the Spanish House. The celebration featured a traditional altar and the presentation of the classic film *Macario* (1960). The Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico on November 2nd and in a lesser degree in other parts of Latin America and the United States. It derives from pre-Hispanic rituals and was incorporated into the Roman Catholic Saints' Day and All Souls' Day (November 1 and 2, respectively).

Enrique Elizondo '17, Spanish House Assistant Director, supervised the altar installation and

explained its different parts to the attendees: "There's really no wrong way to do it. It's to be personalized to the taste of your deceased loved ones, anything they liked to eat or drink." The altar represents nature's four basic elements (air, water, fire and soil) with paper flags, glasses of water, candles, and food (fruit, grains, etc.). A typical food of the season is Pan de muerto (bread of the dead), and it was available for this celebration. Additionally, people were encouraged to bring photos of their deceased loved or admired ones; for example, this altar featured photographs of writers Juan Rulfo, Gabriel García Márquez, and actor Robin Williams.

During the 1940's and 50's the Mexican cinema industry enjoyed an unrivalled distribution and recognition of its films all over the Spanish speaking world. The feature

film *Macario* constitutes one of the last notable examples of this era. It tells the story of a poor peasant in the colonial period that is granted healing powers by the devil. Professor Jannette Amaral-Rodríguez emphasized that the film, though set during colonial times, expresses preoccupations, such as class struggle and social inequality, present in Contemporary Mexico, all through an archetypical story. It is noted that *Macario* was the first Mexican movie nominated for a Best Foreign Film Academy Award.

This celebration was possible with the combined efforts of the Modern Languages Department – through the Spanish House and the Spanish Club – and the Office of Inclusion.



The altar. Photo Credit: Dr. Varona

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CORRECTIONS: In the last issue of the *Tiger*, mistakes were printed.

In the article, "Why Aren't We Funding This? An Obnoxious Student's Outburst on Campus Recycling," Tarun Sharma '15 was paraphrased as saying that a plan for recycling on campus never materialized a few years ago due to a lack of support. Sharma did not say that the plan never materialized due to a lack of support. It should be clarified that the plan did have support, but it never materialized because a facility could not be found.



TIGER SPORTS

Tiger Soccer Stomps Macon, Goes out Firing in Playoffs

Leon Hargrove '15
Staff Dean

The Hampden-Sydney soccer team had a good end to the regular season, as they defeated Randolph-Macon and Shenandoah on the road before tying with Virginia Wesleyan after an exhilarating double overtime contest at home. A loss in the first round of the playoffs to Washington & Lee would prove to be the final game for the Tigers.

On October 28th, the Marlins of Virginia Wesleyan College visited Hellmuth-Pritzlaff Field. The Tigers looked to be in control of the game after scoring two goals within 30 seconds of each other after the 50-minute mark. Freshman Ryan Turner, off of a James Lawrence assist, opened the scoring. Turner would then find teammate Robert Kerby, who put H-SC up 2-0 almost immediately after Turner's goal. The Marlins bounced back and scored two goals before full time, sending it into overtime. The Tigers, playing a man down due to a red card that

was shown in the second half to junior Alex Strain, had a shot to win in double overtime, but it was deflected. Goalkeeper Cameron McFarlane strongly held his ground, recording 11 saves during the game.

Due to the tie with Virginia Wesleyan, H-SC clinched the #4 seed going into the ODAC Tournament. On November 1st, the Tigers hosted #5 seed Washington & Lee in an intense game that was ultimately decided in a shootout.

Washington & Lee struck first, scoring within the first five minutes. Robert Kerby scored the first of his two goals on the day just before halftime, tying the game up at 1-1. Each team would score again in the second half, with Kerby striking again for the Tigers and Sam Knapke netting for Washington & Lee. Though each player battled hard, neither team could score the winning goal, resulting in H-SC's third straight overtime game.

Neither team was able to capitalize on their respective shots in either overtime period, causing the game to be decided by a penalty shootout. The intensity continued to build after both teams made each of their



Captains James Lawrence, Davis Carter, and Cameron McFarlane aided in the playoff push. Photo Credit: hscathletics.com

five penalty kicks. Unfortunately, on the eighth attempt, Washington & Lee converted, and the Tigers' shot clanked off of the left post.

The Hampden-Sydney Soccer

team ended the season with a record of 10-5-3 overall, 6-3-2 record in the ODAC, and a 4-1-3 record at home. The Tigers recorded seven shutouts and only allowed 17 goals

on the season. With returning players like sophomores LIAM HOGAN and Robert Kerby, the Hampden-Sydney soccer team looks to be a formidable force in future fights.

Tiger Basketball Tips Off Overseas, New Class to Showcase

Spencer Connell '17
Staff Dean

The Hampden Sydney basketball team is ready to begin the 2014-15 season. The Tigers will open the new year with a nationally-televised matchup against the Coast Guard Academy in Puerto Rico on Friday, November 14th, at 1:00pm, on ESPNU. The Tigers

are also set to play in two additional neutral site invitational games this season, along with the annual Holiday Classic in mid-December.

The team has been ranked 5th in the ODAC pre-season poll. There will be efforts to rebuild after last season and replace key seniors who graduated.

Luckily, there are eight returning players who are looking to make this season a successful one. Among the returning players are seniors Leon Hargrove, Greg Lewis, Will Scott, and Alex Smith. Juniors Mitch

Owens and Mike Murray, along with sophomores JaVonte Reddick and Zack Tabrani, round out the returning members of the squad.

There is a significant group of new players that have made this year's team: eight freshmen and one Division I transfer. As a whole unit, the team will look to make this season one to remember, hopefully with a spot in the national tournament.

The Tigers will not head into their game against Coast Guard without preseason experience. On Saturday, November 8th, H-SC



Coast Guard Academy vs H-SC will air on ESPNU. Photo Credit: hscathletics.com

traveled into Farmville to take on the Longwood University Lancers in an exhibition game. It was not pretty for the Tigers, as they suffered a 95-60 loss. However, the on-court experience was crucial leading up to the highly anticipated game against Coast Guard.

Freshman Guilherme Guimarães led the Tigers in scoring with 15 points, while Greg Lewis had 13 points, going 4-for-7 and 3-for-6 from 3-point range. Mike Murray helped out the offense with 4 points as well as a team-leading 5 assists.

Overall, the game was an interesting experience for H-SC, especially because this was the first time the two schools have played since 2005. Despite the loss, the Tigers are still fo-

cused on the upcoming season.

Not only will H-SC play in Puerto Rico, but they will also participate in the D3hoops.com Classic in Las Vegas during the holidays in late December.

There will not be a home game for the Tigers until December 3rd when they will play against Roanoke. After the Puerto Rico game, H-SC will participate in the South Region Classic at Shenandoah University over the weekend of November 21st and 22nd.

So, the new basketball season is upon us, and it is set to begin in style with a game that will be televised on ESPNU, Friday, November 14th, at 1:00pm. Make an effort to watch it (skip class!) and support the team! Go Tigers!



The 2014-15 Tiger Basketball Team will travel to Puerto Rico for the season opener. Photo Credit: hscathletics.com

Agony Uncle's Advice Column

If you would like to submit a question to be answered please send it to:

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-addressed to Agony Uncle with your name or pen name.

Agony Uncle,

Agony Uncle is it OK to hold a leadership position and have a beard, and I'm talking mountain man status!?

-Whiskers

Dear Whiskers,

OF COURSE it is acceptable to have a beard and hold a leadership position. The size of the beard never matters as long as it is properly groomed and maintained. Leaders across the millennia have sported beards, and they can certainly lend an air of gravity and sophistication to an aspiring leader.

However, if you are some baby-faced, barely post-pubescent boy, do NOT try and grow a beard. Your few scraggly hairs are most uninspiring and unattractive. Leave the beards to the men who can actually grow them.

Agony Uncle,

Which of the establishments in Farmville is the best place to take my girlfriend on a date?

Also, which restaurant has the best bang for my buck?

-Hungry & Broke

Dear Hungry & Broke,

My new favorite place is Up-town Café. It is moderately priced for the quality and quantity of food you receive. The wait staff is very pleasant and friendly, if a bit slow. But this is okay because you are on a date, and you want to spend as much time as possible staring into the beautiful eyes of your lover sitting across from you.

However, an infinitely more impressive and romantic affair is to have her come over to your house to enjoy a dinner which you have prepared with infinite patience and meticulousness which you know to be her favorite meal. You can better believe that this is the fastest way to prime the sheets, particularly if a nice bottle of wine has been added for your combined enjoyment.

Agony Uncle,

I found a cat a few weekends ago, and I really like it. His name is Marko. How do I persuade my roommate to keep him?

-Alley Cat

Dear Alley Cat,

Unfortunately, it is not so much a matter of persuading your roommate to keep him, but the school as well. Hampden-Sydney College has a strict no pets in dormitory policy, though this is constantly flouted by said students of the college, it exists on the books nonetheless. Therefore my advice is to save your energy and keep the peace with your roommate, because Marko was never moving in anyways.

General Sam Awards Continued

inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment and received The Order of Saint Philip Neri Gold Medal.

Every time General Sam is involved in a ceremony, he always gives an amazing, informative speech. Upon receiving his awards, he said, "Well this certainly is a humbling experience." A man who, since the age of sixteen, dedicated his life to the service of others was humbled by these awards and the few people standing in the yard there to support him. I can't think of a better role model for Hampden-Sydney men to follow.

Republican Parties Continued

wave of anti-Cantor sentiment from Richmond all the way to Washington. Virginia lost a good moderate Congressman in Eric Cantor and gained what we hope will be someone of equal stature one day. We learned that the GOP is either diversifying its voter base or is pretty good at picking candidates. In the end, Mitch McConnell will be the next Majority Leader in the Senate and a man who dedicated his life to dodging trains to fulfill his dream of teaching cows ended up in DC via Route 15.

Local Eats: Damien Eats Happy at Joe's Inn

*Damien Sharp '15
Staff/Dean*

The midterm elections were held last week, and the GOP took control of the Senate and gained its strongest majority in the House in over 80 years. Sitting at the Wilson Center with many of my fellow classmates, I sat and wondered if the GOP could really do it. They did, and they took the majority in the Senate, winning North Carolina, Colorado, Iowa, Montana, South Dakota, Arkansas, and West Virginia. The only real shocker in the group was North Carolina. Polls leading up to election day showed Republican Thom Tillis slightly trailing Democratic incumbent Kay Hagan, and many of my Hampden-Sydney brothers in Professor Pontuso's Parties and Elections class also projected North Carolina staying blue. Holden McLemore, a resident of North Carolina who also covered the state for the class, said, "Polls had showed a virtual tie in North Carolina since early October. We generally find that to favor incumbents. Unfortunately for Senator Hagan, Democrats simply didn't turn out for her in this election." The GOP is targeting strategic candidates who will do a good job of conveying what the party is really about. In New York, Elise Stefanik, 30, is a former Bush aide won her seat with a whopping 55 percent of the vote. Mia Love won in Colorado. Where of course would we be without a Hampden-Sydney connection, as Shelly Moore Capito won her race for Senate in West Vir-

ginia. Senator-elect Capito's husband is an alumnus of the college. Another connection to the college is the Congressman from Virginia's 5th house district. He is none other than Robert Hurt '91. Hurt put the hurt on his opponent when he won with 61 percent of the vote.

The Governor's races made no sense this year as the triumvirate of Illinois, Massachusetts, and Maryland both traditionally blue states elected Republicans as their next Governors. While I was watching the returns I thought it was clear that no one expected these results to occur. Another shock was the fact that Eric Cantor is no longer representing Virginia's 7th House district in the US Congress. No matter who would've won the election last Tuesday, a Randolph-Macon professor would've found himself representing the district in congress. It just so happens that David Brat, an Economics professor at that cow college in Trashland, beat cow college colleague Jack Trammel and carried just over 60 percent of the vote in a solid red district. Brat's story of winning is something only heard of in fairy tales. He rode the wave of anti-Cantor sentiment from Richmond all the way to Washington. Virginia lost a good moderate Congressman in Eric Cantor and gained what we hope will be someone of equal stature one day. We learned that the GOP is either diversifying its voter base or is pretty good at picking candidates. In the end, Mitch McConnell will be the next Majority Leader in the Senate and a man who dedicated his life to dodging trains to fulfill his dream of teaching cows ended up in DC via Route 15.

Professor's Corner: Dr. Abigail T. Horne

*Jonathan Campbell '16
Staff/Dean*

Dr. Abigail T. Horne, in her first year here on the Hill, is an Assistant Professor of English.

How did you arrive at Hampden-Sydney College?

I was in graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis, where I taught for a couple years after graduating. I had an offer for an interview to come here in the spring, and when I came I taught a class and did a short research talk while getting to know the faculty and some of the students. I thought it seemed like a place where professors really cared about their students and were invested in their students doing well, and I really liked the small liberal arts atmosphere. When they offered me the job, I was very excited to say yes. I moved here this summer and rented a little

house in Farmville that has a nice front porch. And I adopted a hound dog from the local SPCA. I'm trying out this new part of the country.

As far as your research and focus, what are you bringing to the college?

I'm bringing a focus on African-American, 19th century, and some early 20th century American Literature. The classes that I am teaching are American Literature surveys, as well as seminars such as the Civil War Literature class, and an African-American Literature class. My research focused on stories about lynching in both text and film versions, and trying to understand the significance of the white character who tries to stop a lynching in many short stories, movies, novels, etc. With this character showing up repeatedly, it seemed like there was some kind of investment going on, and I wanted to try to understand the role that

it was playing and how it was influencing a cultural understanding or knowledge of not just lynching, specifically, but race, identity, and violence in a larger sense as well.

How would you rate your interaction with the student body as a whole?

I'm really enjoying getting to know the students here, and I think that everybody has been very welcoming. There are things I'm getting used to, I'm not used to being called m'am, I'm not used to students dropping down to look for my earring back. There are things I'm learning about, but for the most part I'm really enjoying and appreciating the way that at Hampden-Sydney you get to know your students. They come by and check in sometimes, and people have been incredibly nice as I've been trying to figure out my first semester. I've made a lot of changes to course schedules and students have been

very flexible. Students are challenging themselves in a way that I appreciate; people care about their grades but they also care very much about learning. They care about making progress that's not just about getting the grade higher, but actually about learning more, becoming better writers, becoming more dedicated readers. That's been a re-

ally great discovery at Hampden-Sydney: how much the students here are willing to take risks. I've actually had students tell me they need harsher penalties for not turning in assignments, they want me to be tough on them and they want to work to rise to that challenge. I find that incredibly refreshing.

What is one thing on campus you'd like to change or work towards improving?

Once I settle into the job a little bit more, I'd like to work toward more engagement with local history and local politics in terms of trying to get people engaged in what has gone on here, and talk honestly and openly while trying to get a sense of the struggles for civil rights that have gone on in this neighborhood and on this campus and how we can engage with those stories and struggles and make progress going forward. I would like to see more conversation about the work that has been done in the past for increased civil rights and the work we can keep doing.



Dr. Horne. Photo Credit: hsc.edu



OPINION

It's All About the Ws: Better Schools Make Better Rivals

Tarun Sharma '15
Opinion Dean

Deep in the dungeon that is the Tiger office, I was perusing old editions of the paper's annual Macon issue. I stumbled across the issue from November 1, 2002, where Editor-in-Chief Tom Hogge asked: "can this rivalry last much longer?" In this very paper last November, I called for a greater emphasis on our rivalry with Washington & Lee due to its status as an aspirant institution in terms of endowment and academic rigor, as well as the fact that, while Hampden-Sydney has captured half of the last eight ODAC Championships, W&L has three, and our lowly neighbors in the "Center of the Universe" have just one. Furthermore, H-SC has led our "rivalry" with Randolph-Macon 61-47, and has lost only four times since the new millennium. I called for us to celebrate two rivalry weeks this semester. Coming off of an ODAC title, the stage seemed set for us to compete against the school with higher stakes. However, after a disappointing .500

campaign in 2013, followed by a 1-8 showing to this point in 2014, it has become more difficult to convince students to get hyped for the W&L game, especially when it took place in Lexington this season. So scrap what I said. Forget it. Throw it out the window. Forget Macon. It ought to be all about the W's.

Washington and Lee ought to be our true ODAC rival for the reasons that we already know: it is a prestigious college that has a history of all-male education and an academic focus upon the liberal arts: producing young men and women that have been educated in an atmosphere of sound learning under a strict, student-run honor system that is not very dissimilar to our own. However, it seems that a new rivalry, one that is between two colleges that are even more similar may be budding before our very eyes.

To kick off this season, Hampden-Sydney traveled to Crawfordsville, IN, a town about twice the size of Farmville. Although the Tigers fell short, the seeds have been sown to continue what has been dubbed the "Gentleman's Classic," or "Sausage Bowl," depending on who you ask. Wabash has a similar history to our own, as well.

Whereas our college was founded in 1776 and fostered by men that had spent time at Princeton, graduates of another Ivy created Wabash in 1832: Dartmouth. Just like our trustees, the men that run Wabash College have consistently rejected coeducation. Forbes' No. 13 college is about the same size as H-SC and is an aspirant institution in terms of prestige and endowment. Wabash also hosts nine active fraternities and their own version of "The Game" in the "Monon Bell Classic" against rival DePauw. Wabash sports scarlet, while their rivals wear (you guessed it) black and gold.

So this week, as we celebrate yet another ODAC Championship by beating Macon yet again in the 2000s, remember that there are bigger and better fish to fry. No one ever became big without dreaming even bigger. So Hampden-Sydney Men, look to the sky, and aspire to be great. In our class, Washington & Lee and Wabash are the best. Let's beat the best in every way we can, outcompeting them on the field, in the endowment, in our alumni achievements, in our alumni giving, in how we portray our education and our experience. Go Tigers. Beat Wabash, Macon, & Lee.

This Isn't Your Grandfather's Republican Party

Graves Anthony '16
Staff Dean

The midterm elections were held last week, and the GOP took control of the Senate and gained its strongest majority in the House in over 80 years. Sitting at the Wilson Center with many of my fellow classmates, I sat and wondered if the GOP could really do it. They did, and they took the majority in the Senate, winning North Carolina, Colorado, Iowa, Montana, South Dakota, Arkansas, and West Virginia. The only real shocker in the group was North Carolina. Polls leading up to election day showed Republican Thom Tillis slightly trailing Democratic incumbent Kay Hagan, and many of my Hampden-Sydney brothers in Professor Pontuso's Parties and Elections class also projected North Carolina staying blue. Holden McLemore, a resident of North Carolina who also covered the state for the class, said, "Polls had showed a virtual tie in North Carolina since early October. We generally find that to favor incumbents. Unfortunately for Senator Hagan, Democrats simply didn't turn out for her in this election." The GOP is targeting strategic candidates who will do a good job of conveying what the party is really about. In New York, Elise Stefanik,

30, is a former Bush aide won her seat with a whopping 55 percent of the vote. Mia Love won in Colorado. Where of course would we be without a Hampden-Sydney connection, as Shelly Moore Capito won her race for Senate in West Virginia. Senator-elect Capito's husband is an alumnus of the college. Another connection to the college is the Congressman from Virginia's 5th house district. He is none other than Robert Hurt '91. Hurt put the hurt on his opponent when he won with 61 percent of the vote.

The Governor's races made no sense this year as the triumvirate of Illinois, Massachusetts, and Maryland both traditionally blue states elected Republicans as their next Governors. While I was watching the returns I thought it was clear that no one expected these results to occur. Another shock was the fact that Eric Cantor is no longer representing Virginia's 7th House district in the US Congress. No matter who would've won the election last Tuesday, a Randolph-Macon professor would've found himself representing the district in congress. It just so happens that David Brat, an Economics professor at that cow college in Trashland, beat cow college colleague Jack Trammel and carried just over 60 percent of the vote in a solid red district. Brat's story of winning is something only heard of in fairy tales. He rode the

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Why Are We Burning Money by Night?

Tyler Ward '18
Staff Dean

Bortz Library stands like a lighthouse on campus every night. You can see it from almost anywhere on campus if your view is unobstructed. The question is, though: How much money are we wasting running those lights all night?" I went to the business office to find out, and was given electrical usage statistics for the dining hall and the library in the August and prior year. In September we used \$13,571 to pay the electric bill received on September 3rd for the prior 32 days. Considering the fact that in August the library wasn't in use, that is a lot of money. If you take into account the 30,000kWh jump we experienced last year during the October pay period, electric prices will go up quite a bit. In the same billing period, the dining hall used \$12,008. The dining hall was being used by football, lacrosse, and soccer players for their respective training camps

before class started. A difference of \$1,543 may not seem like a lot, but usage statistics fluctuate throughout the year and that \$1,543 could turn into \$2.5K+ in other months and maybe a year of \$18,000+ in electric payments for one building. I wonder why H-SC doesn't set the lights to a motion activated system, one that you would find in the academic buildings on campus, or alternatively just turn the lights off after hours.

I was told by one of my sources that the lights are left on in case any workers need to do anything inside the building. If that is the only reason the library lights are left on all night, then the solution is simple: tell employees where the light controls are and how to use them so if they need to do work inside the building for a bit, they can turn the light on themselves. The statistics reveal a waste of money to leave them on, and all reasons I have heard for their being on are easily solved with common sense. If money like this is being spent just to power the library, where else are we wasting money and what is our money going towards?



After Bortz closes for the night, you can actually see the money burning from miles away. Photo Credit: Mason Watkins

New HSC App Aims to Streamline Services

Winfield Willis '17
Staff Dean

I hate trying to access the Hampden-Sydney website on my phone. It's unwieldy, and quite frankly, not that helpful. If I can change the music playing at the Fishin' Pig and the bowling alley from my phone without even being present, why can't I easily access things on the college website?

This problem is now being fixed, with the HSC App. Through the company Guidebooks, who have designed apps for Columbia University, Mercedes-Benz, Facebook, and Amazon among others, we will now have our very own app, specifically for current students, but with other features for Alumni and Athletics. Jim Gresham '08, is coordinating with the student government and the communications department to create a "one stop shop" for all of our online needs.

The app will be divided into six guides: Student Government, Student Affairs, Residence Life, Communications, Athletics, and Alumni. You don't have to have all six, and you can pick and choose which ones you want. Each guide will have an option for receiving notifications. But you can turn it off, so you don't have to have your phone blown up with announcements like our email inboxes. This was one of the reasons for doing this, to eliminate the problem of excessive emails.

Each guide will contain certain things. Student Affairs will have quick links to TigerWeb, Blackboard, the tutoring schedule, and B

& G orders. The communications app will have online copies of The Garnet, The Tiger, and other publications. The Alumni Guide will have a directory and Tiger Match, a program that allows alumni to search for specific students or other alumni with a refined search option. Freshman can even orient themselves with the app when they arrive on campus to matriculate.

I spoke with Student Government President Aaron Gilani, who gave me the details about the app. It will be available through the app store on all phone platforms. The Athletics portion of the app will be the same as the current one, just moved over to this new all-encompassing app. It is purposefully being created to help us communicate better, limit the number of emails, and to allow us to access the things we need online. It will take five to six weeks to finalize and should be ready to go by spring semester. I don't mean it will be released and we will spend the spring semester working out the kinks. When we return in January we can download it and immediately start using it without any problems. The app will be updated immediately by people at the College, not by the company who will maintain the app. After the initial population of the app, there will not be the need for too many adjustments, just updates as time goes on.

"This is a big step for the college technologically," said Gilani. It will help us compete technologically with other colleges and universities. Many of the other big schools, like Duke and UVA, have an app like this, so why shouldn't Hampden-Sydney?"

The Tiger Looks Back: The 150 Pound Football Team

Traylor Nichols '17
Associate (to the) Dean

One long forgotten, and surprising, part of Hampden-Sydney football history is the Jayvee team. As a small college with only a few hundred members, it was difficult for Hampden-Sydney to dominate in varsity football as a small fish in a big pond, thus the Jayvee team was formed. Recognized as the "150 pound team," players were required to weigh 150 pounds or less to join. The league was composed of most Virginia colleges and is similar to "Sprint Football" or "Lightweight football" of today. The Kaleidoscope stated that "the inauguration of this one hundred fifty-pound

league gave Hampden-Sydney an opportunity to compete on equal footing against other colleges and universities of larger enrollment and greater resources on state athletics." Formed in 1942 and led by Captain Billy Hays, the "Baby Tigers" excelled and held state titles for multiple years in a row, largely due to the fact that many of their players also played on the football team. Pitched against other players from other colleges and universities of equal size, Hampden-Sydney was able to play current Division 1 teams such as the University of Virginia, as well as high schools. Macon has adopted a similar practice, also known as their starting team. Our football team will be facing off against them this Saturday at home.

Special thanks to Thomas J Nichols III '44 for information.

Homegrown Products for the Hampden-Sydney Man: Bookstore Takes on Fresh Endeavors

Max Dash '18
Staff Dean

November at a men's college means one thing: no shaving.

Both "No-Shave November" and "Movember" are well underway here at H-SC, and as Lynda Parham, whose Loaded Goat Homestead has begun selling personal care products in the campus store, puts it: "With a great beard comes great responsibility."

Loaded Goat Homestead is a small homesteading operation located in Pittsylvania County, VA. Parham and her husband began growing their own produce several years ago when they became concerned about the food that they were eating and its impact on their health.

Parham and her husband practice all natural non-industrial agriculture, and, for the most part, only eat what they grow, raise, and kill themselves. They then sell their excess food at the local farmer's market. "Since we sell at the farmer's market, we needed to name ourselves and the Loaded Goat Homestead was born," Parham says. "We also donate some excess to the local food bank and the local homeless shelter."

In addition to growing, raising, selling, and donating its own food, Loaded Goat Homestead also offers educational opportunities for those who are interested in learning how to become more self-sustaining, as well. "We like to say that



The various products being sold in the bookstore, including Mrs. Parham's awesome beard oils, shaving soap, and yummy lip balm. Photo Credit: Parker Dunaway

we're pretty much 'a garden that has gotten out of hand,'" Parham says.

This year, they expanded into personal care products, shifting the focus from what we put in us, to what we put on us. "We found that a lot of personal care products

contain petroleum derivatives, synthetic fragrances, and even plastic," Parham says, "so we began making our own soaps, lip balm, salves, toothpaste, shaving soap, beard oils."

Parham, with the help of her son, Tyler '15, brought the Homestead's personal care products to H-SC after Tyler mentioned that there were many men on campus who wanted an all-natural, chemical-free option for taking care of their bodies and beards.

"Our beard oils are a natural fit for guys that are serious about caring for their outward expression of manhood," Lynda says.

If anyone is serious about caring for their outward expression of manhood, it's a Hampden-Sydney Man, and as long as that type of man remains on campus, Loaded Goat's products should, as well.

"We'll have to assess our sales, but we do envision a continued relationship with H-SC," Parham says. "As we develop more products that are a fit for H-SC, we will certainly offer them."

In addition to the campus store, Parham's products can be purchased through Loaded Goat Homestead's account on Etsy.com, with a dedicated web site anticipated to be up and running in the near future.

Loaded Goat Homestead can be contacted through their Facebook page, and by email at load-goathomestead@gmail.com.



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HSC Bored: A Revelation in Finding Out What's Up

Gregory Robinson '15
Dean of Business Managing

As Hampden-Sydney students, we are no strangers to occasional boredom, and the area in which we attend college can sometimes seem desolate. It is no wonder, then, that students often leave for weekends to go home or visit a friend's school because there is sometimes a lack of activity here or a lack of knowledge about activities that may be taking place. We now have an answer that will continue to bring us answers: a website called HSCbored.com

The idea of the website came to fruition when Spencer Conover '10 met with someone from the University of Vermont in the last academic year. During their discussion, UVMbored.com came up. This site is the parent website for HSCbored from which most of our features were derived. Following our intention to develop the website, multiple members of the administration, such as Karin Gollin, Richard Pantele, Tommy Shomo, Kindall Stephenson-Deen, and others, were fundamental in creating the website. Kevin Kirsche was assisting in the development of the website, but he then got a new job and has since been succeeded by Cheryl Dixon. Braxton Bragg Wallace and Robert Harriss were interviewed and appointed the website's content editors and are continuously seeking to improve the site's content and mechanics.

The website's purpose is to increase student activity and propel social engagement for all students. With HSC Bored, there is now a medium that will identify as many activities and events as possible in the area so that students may remain here more often to enjoy themselves. Moreover, the website will, over time, help to reduce scheduling

conflicts so that we may minimize the infamous "dead weekends" here at Sydney. Fraternities and other organizations could simply do this by consulting the website before planning an event, and if this were done, there would be fewer occurrences of saturated weekends followed by dull ones. The website will also make users aware of activities in the surrounding areas such as Farmville, Lynchburg, and Richmond.

As it stands, the website is fully functional and available for use. Harriss notified club and organization leaders about the simple process of submitting events on the website if they wish to do so. "On the home page of the website, there is an option to submit an event. To perform that task, simply input basic information about the event (date, place, time, etc.). Once you have submitted an event, one of the website editors will review and approve the submission, and the event will become visible on the website." So far, the only issue with this is that the website is lacking in terms of events submitted so far and according to Harriss, "We have to do a better job marketing the website and making people aware that the site can be a great tool to find enjoyable activities throughout the week."

HSC Bored is facilitated by students, for the students. Harriss says, "Everyone involved with the project is really interested in having the website become an integral part of the student experience here. We all want feedback too – if the website needs to change, we want to know about it." The next phase for development is to have the website completely operated by students and students in all fields are welcome. All interested students are encouraged to email Harriss at harrissr16@hsc.edu to be a part of Hampden-Sydney's new dynamic. Hopefully, with the existence of HSC Bored, students shall be bored no longer.

Parking Continued

ple—especially students—park outside of their designated zones, the problem can grow exponentially and cause many others to have to park outside their zones as well.

Finally, the current parking lots are in need of improvements. In many, the paint is old and chipped; not only can the lines sometimes be hard to see, but important writing like "Fire Lane" or the symbol for a handicapped parking spot can be obscured.

Tommy Shomo, a member of the Parking Appeals Committee, knows that the current policy "needs to be examined carefully." He points out that it has been in effect since

the seventies, and that things have changed since then: we now have more students, cars, and buildings, and the parking lots are no longer directly adjacent to buildings. The zone parking system which is in place is simply out of date.

The Parking Committee will need to be re-formed soon in order to discuss changing the policy for next year. Shomo believes that the college will move to a different type of zone policy in an effort to simplify the existing system. In the possible new policy, there will be designated parking lots for students, faculty, and staff, rather than assigning each individual to a particular lot. Students will be able to park in student lots, staff in staff lots, and faculty in faculty lots.

The proposed system would solve many of the current issues. It would

Macon Questions for Students and Faculty

Ryan Kluk '17
Guest Dean

Andrew Herlong '15:

Q: What is your favorite thing about Randolph-Macon?

A: Stealing their women.

Myshake Abdi '16:

Q: What would a typical Randolph-Macon student learn in an intro science class?

A: How to make paper mache volcanoes.

Thay Hall '18:

Q: Did you ever consider Randolph-Macon as a possible school option? Why or why not?

A: Hell NO! There is a distinction between Macon boys and Hampden-Sydney Men.

Dr. Robert H. Blackman, Associate History Prof.:

Q: Compared to a Hampden-Sydney degree, where does a Macon degree rank?

A: It's easy to find any Macon degree. They are available in any bathroom.

Dr. Christopher B. Howard, President of Hampden-Sydney College:

Q: Would you say Randolph-Macon and Hampden-Sydney are comparable?

A: Yes, in the sense that we have buildings. Other than that, not much.



Dr. Howard. Photo Credit: hsc.edu



LTC Snead. Photo Credit: hsc.edu

LTC Rucker Snead '81, Director of the Wilson Center for Leadership: Q: How would you compare a Hampden-Sydney student to a Randolph-Macon student?

A: There is no comparison because we are men and they are boys. They need a good spankin' and [to be] sent back home to Kings Dominion University.

Venable Illuminates: The Sequel to the Smash Hit

Auberon Crocker '18
Staff Dean

Christmas is right around the corner, and H-SC prepares to welcome the season of giving with decorations aplenty. On December 4th the 2nd annual lighting of Venable Hall will kick off the holiday season.

The lighting of Venable began last year as a collaboration between the CAC, the Student Government, and the Hampden-Sydney College Rotaract Club in an effort to bring the campus together for the holidays. Damien Sharp '15, a member of the Rotaract club, said that the idea took inspiration from the University of Virginia's annual lighting of the lawn that first took place in honor of the 9/11 attacks and is expected to become a Christmas

season tradition for years to come.

When talking to a handful of students around campus about the lighting of Venable, the students said they enjoyed the lights and the new tradition but hoped for more lights this year. Sharp promised that there will be more lights this year and hopes the event "will be fun and bring the community closer together." Also included in the Christmas festivities will be the traditional freshman dorms' lighting competition as well as the Fraternities' separate lighting com-

petition, and a satirical poem read by Dean Garland. The light shows around campus are not just for Hampden Sydney students either; much of the Farmville community is expected to visit the campus to see the Christmas cheer Hampden-Sydney has to offer. The clubs hope that the lighting remains a success and fun get-together. Enjoy your Thanksgiving because when you return the Christmas light displays over campus will be ready to welcome you into the happy Christmas season—and into Finals Week.

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Hockey Team Formed, Rink Melts Upon Completion: Is Gravity or Communism to Blame?

Sebastien McHaggis
Hockey Department Chair

Good news everyone (as Professor Farnsworth says), we have a hockey team! The Randolph Macon Hockey Club was established by transfer students from Russia—Shurupin Jenya Svyatoslavovich '16 and Mel Arky '17—and Canada—Winnie Bago '18 and Sam Boney '17. The students met up with each other at lunch one day this semester and decided that the sleepy town and college needed new life breathed into it in the form of a hockey team. Professor Levon Hold is the hockey team's advisor while local townie Hope Anna Prayer is the team's coach. Coach Prayer is an interesting selection because she is still in elementary school, but she likes the Capitals and that is all that matters. With the hockey team estab-

lished, there was one big problem: the rink. The first thought that the captains had was to put the rink on top of the basketball court, but the basketball players threatened to flop constantly if there was a hockey place on their domain. Luckily, Mel Arky thought to put the hockey rink outside since, as he said, "Americans like outdoor hockey, why not sleepy college, too?" Luckily, the town mechanic owned a big ice machine, so he built the rink while Mel Arky and Sam Boney sat on the football bleachers and drank club soda.

"Luckily, the town mechanic owned a big ice machine..."

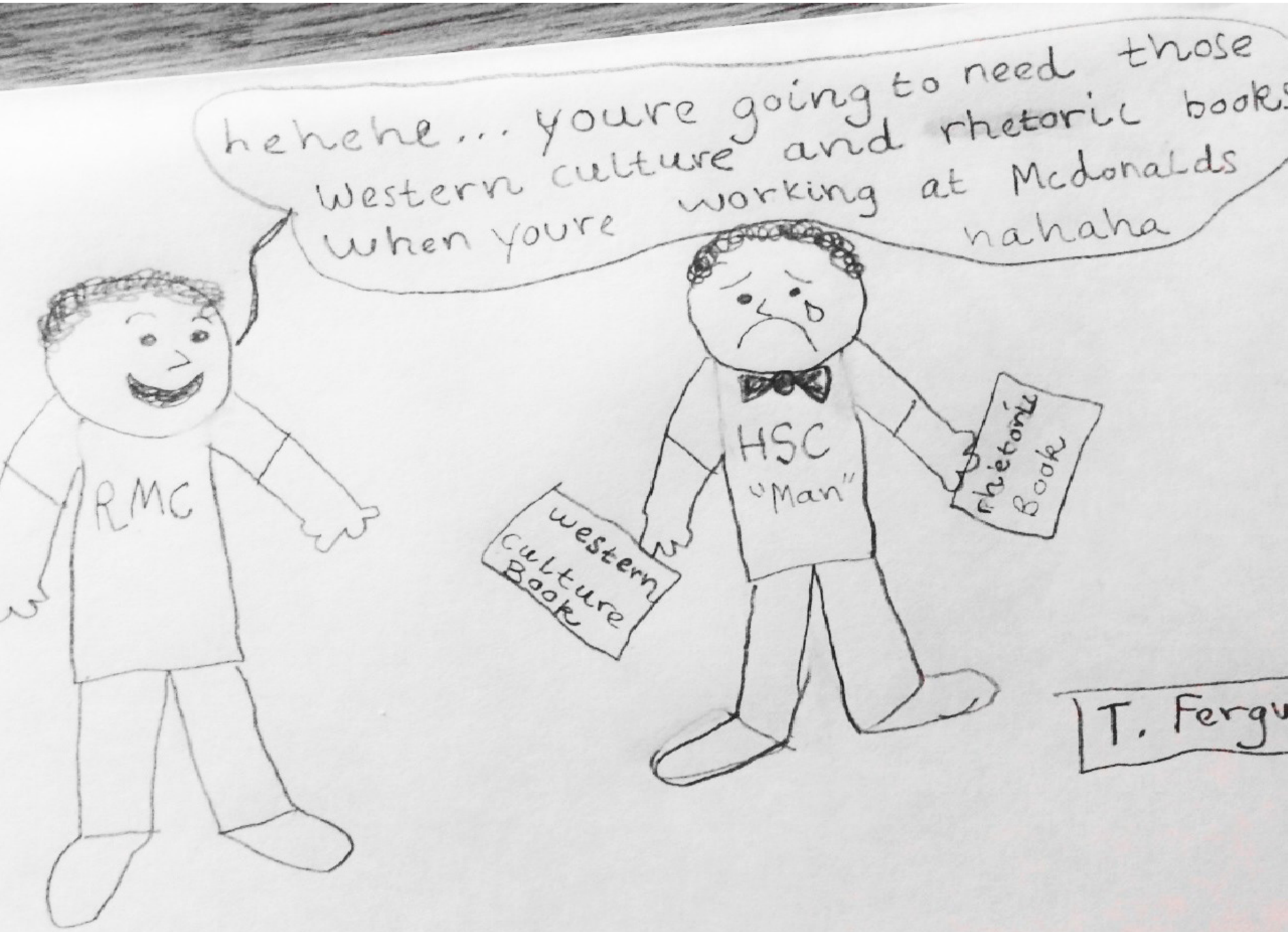
The first game was against the King's Dominion park staff on September 23rd. However, the sun was out that day, and there were not any clouds in sight. All of that sunlight

caused the hockey rink to melt, and many players fell into the moderately cold water. The game had to be called off, but the RMHC was handed a loss because of the faulty rink. It was sad to see some of the players flop around like fish in a net. The future of the hockey club is uncertain, for Shurupin Jenya Svyatoslavovich was arrested for fighting with another student and Winnie Bago could not actually skate. Additionally, many students have blamed the hockey club as the cause of their failing grades, missed alarms, and even the 2011 east coast earthquake. Sure, why not? Many students here did not understand that we had Russians and Canadians who attended the school. In fact, they thought that the transfers were just odd townies. Oh well. I guess the only connection to Canada we'll have is the Nickelback concert this weekend.

Go Bruins.



Putin brings global warming to us all. Is this the end to hockey as we know it?
I really hope Batman v Superman turns out alright – dat Affleck doe.
Photo Credit: community.mybackyardrink.com



The Randolph Macon Cooter

Note: The following four pages are satirical in nature, meant only to mock our rivals in Ashland. None of the material in this section of the *Tiger* was written by actual Randolph-Macon students, even if it appears incredibly convincing...

ATTENTION: Hampden-Sydney Is Developing WMDs, We Must Act NOW

Fartroose McKibbles '18
Mecha-editor Supreme

After receiving horrific reports from my fellow undercover Randolph-Macon students, I decided to investigate the matter myself: is Hampden-Sydney developing weapons of mass destruction in the sewers of their campus?

I know how it seems; it's ridiculous, right? But after our newspaper scanners detected surges in heat signatures from the depths of their preposterous property, I sent a crack team of investigative journalists to discover just what was cook'n down there. An elite team was formed: Arlene Bigshoemaker, the brains, Bartholomew Barthington, the muscle, and Cleo "x420noscopexx" Rogers, the captain. They deployed approximately three weeks before I ventured in, and their only communications back to camp were scattered screams and cries for immediate evacuation. In hindsight, I should've heeded their deterrent messages. What I witnessed after tracing their footsteps was both gruesome and disturbing.

The storm drain near a building they call "Johns Auditorium" was my entry point. The weather? Miserable. A monsoon decided to arrive at midnight, and winds

howled around me – an omen from the yellow jacket God. I said my prayers, hooked my spelunking stuff to a heavy thing, and went in headfirst. The latter action was an immediate mistake, as the storm drain was only made of cement and immensely hurt my head from the eight-foot dive. My \$50 Hot Topic fanny pack flashlight shattered on impact... blindness took over. As a brave, courageous Maconite, I continued my rescue adventure. My people needed me.

A few minutes fumbling around in the darkness lead me to a rocky cave – an area our scanners never mapped. That was when I heard her voice. It was Bigshoemaker, her voice echoing endlessly. When I finally stumbled upon her, her voice had shrunk to a whisper. What she said in those darkest of caves will haunt me to the end of my days: "The weapon..." she groaned, "It's not what we... expected... RUN!" There was a tender fart sound, and then she was no more. Barthington and Rogers' bodies were lying next to her. The damn Tigers were working on something massive in here, something they didn't want my people finding.

Then I felt something on my foot. Obscured by blackness, the creature made a single sound: "Meow." A cat! Finally, a silver lining to a dismal day, I thought. And then again, "Meow." The me-



An approximate representation of the terror I witnessed in the depths of that evil campus. Photo Credit: allwomenstalk.com

ows grew in volume to the point where I lost count of how many cats were around me. Thoughts of dead friends escaped my mind as the comfort of kindly kittens engulfed me – a mistake. They climbed my leg and patted my face as I giggled fervently; unbeknownst to me they were merely finding a strategic position. And then they struck. Pain seized me from big toe to balding scalp, as delicate kittens

became consumers of my flesh in the blink of an eye. I yelled at the top of my lungs and sprinted in a random direction. My 10-minute-mile speed was of no use. The kittens leaped onto my back at every step and tore at my skin, all the while mocking me with their meows. Dread replaced fear. I nearly surrendered to the feline assault ... and then I saw the light. Dawn was breaking as I emerged from

the sewer drain, covered in sweat, blood, and cat fur – no cats in sight.

I hope my experience will alert Randolph-Macon officials to the threat growing under the hills of Hampden-Sydney College. If we don't act soon, the kitten army will wipe us out for good. I fear that the weapon being developed by the Tigers is so powerful that soon no train will be able to stop it... Yellow-Jacket help us...

Average Day In the Life of an #Elite #Macon "Student"

Cleo "x420noscopexx" Rogers '20
Kitten Enthusiast

11:00am – Wake up for 8:00 a.m. Engineering class: Trains 432, How to Operate the Big Ones.
11:08am – Drink three glasses of protein milk. Ya know...for the gains.
11:09am – Barf it all up. Goodbye, gains.
11:10am – Decide on attire for the day: camo cargos with my favorite Tap-Out Tee, obviously. Don't forget the AXE *coats body entirely*.
11:22am – About to walk out of my room when I hear my favorite song come on. Stay around to listen to some seriously rockin' Creed! "WITH ARMS WIDE OPEN!"
12:30pm – Creed CD ends, think

about getting some lunch.

12:32pm – Drive to the Rock Bottom Café to get some crow burgers. Crow is good for gains.

1:45pm – Make my way to my next class in the department of YikYak: YKYK 332, The Art of Insulting the HSC Man Poorly.

2:00pm – Talk to this chick Cindy all of class. She digs me. She kept giving me this pissed off look. She toottally digs me though. I think it's the cargos and the body spray (the can says women like it).

3:08pm – Almost got hit by the train. That happens a lot.

3:15pm – See Cindy again. She runs away. She's so fit. She's about those gains.

3:30pm – Getting pumped for night class. Kind of worried though; there were a lot of big words in the homework I didn't understand.

3:32pm – Shake off worries when I see my reflection in a Burger King window next to the help wanted sign. "Hey, you look like you've been hitting the gym." "I have." I don't think it's weird to talk to myself, especially when you're cut like me.

4:00pm – Get back to dorm just in time for the Spongebob marathon. Love this show.

9:00pm – Spongebob marathon ends. I missed that night class again. Thirteenth time this semester. Well, whatever, my GPA can't get much worse.

9:18pm – Look out the window to see Cindy, that total babe from earlier. I wave. She runs again. Wow, she has serious exercise discipline.

9:20pm – Consider following Cindy home again. Decide against it. Cops were really mean last time.

9:30pm – Feel some serious hunger

coming on. Decide to order an extra large Meat Lovers from Creame's Pies. Who answers the phone? None other than D'squarius Greene Jr. He graduated in '04—great guy.

10:16pm – That meat I've been waiting for gets here finally. Hey, look! Fudge Clugins, another Randy Mac grad, delivered it. That's weird, lots of graduates workin' to-night.

10:23pm – Wash the whole pizza down with 4 glasses of chocolate milk. Calcium helps the gains.

11:00pm – Catch sight of self in mirror. Ask where my life is going. Suddenly remember the sign at Burger King. Feel Content.

11:04pm – Decide to take advantage of the mirror. Take off shirt. Wonder where all the gains went.

11:05pm – Put shirt back on. Kinda embarrassed, but not really.

11:30pm – Find out that all my classes are cancelled tomorrow, even Environmental Management 312, Waste Disposal of the Future. The email said something about E-bolah. That must be one of those new E-books I hear about all the time. I stay away from books when I can—those things are everywhere.

12:03am – Decide to settle in for the night. Totally worn out from all the gains and education today.

12:05am – Grab some Twisted Teas as a nightcap.

12:06am – Chug three Twisted Teas consecutively to prove manhood.

12:09am – Climb in my racecar bed. I don't think it's weird; all my classmates have 'em too!

12:10am – Think to myself, "I love my school."

12:15am – Cry myself to sleep.

New Course Offerings
This Year!

YKYK 404:
The Art of Insulting the H-SC Man
Poorly

Engineering 302:
How to Drive the Train

PHYS ED 101:
Protein, Lift, Protein, Lift

WMSD 285:
Home Ec – How to Make the Cut-
est Yellow Jacket

FA 103:
Quantitative Dubstep Theory

ENG 499:
Judy Bloom and the Shades of Grey

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- Kazakhstan:
In Search of Borat Sagdiyev
- Detroit:
Cars and Cargo Shorts–How They
are Made
- Moscow:
The Art of Invading Countries
- North Korea:
How to Emulate Dennis Rodman
- Alberta, Canada:
The Origins of Nickelback

For a complete list of places, please visit:
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The greatest rockstar of our generation: Chad. Photo Credit: nova.ie

Thad Gains Reminisces on His Favorite Pastime: Crying to Nickelback’s “Photograph”

The Artist Formerly Known as Thad ‘15
2k Alternative Southern Rock Guy

Hell Yeah! In honor of the upcoming tenth year anniversary of Nickelback’s fifth album, *All The Right Reasons*, I’ve decided to go back and write a review on how awesome and turnt up this album is. Every morning when I wake up I plug my iPod shuffle into my 14” bass and jam out to the gnarly lyrics that flow from the Chad’s voice—even though I don’t know vocalist Chad Kroeger I feel that he would be cool if I call him the Chad. While listening to songs like “Animals” and “Side of a Bullet,” I can pump some mad iron to get my gains on. Every song is hella catchy. I especially like the first two lines in “Animals” where the Chad sings “I, I’m driving black on black, just got my

license back,” especially since I actually just did get my license back—my girlfriend who goes to Ashland High is totally stoked about that part too. Other songs on the album like “Photographs” really hit home as well. They make me remember those sweet times back when Jenny (my super hot girlfriend) started high school as a freshman and I was a senior. Granted I’m only a sophomore at Randy Mac and she is still a junior at Ashland, but it was pretty dope when we went to school together and she could hold my pinky in the hall. Overall, Nickelback is hands down a rocking band. *All The Right Reasons*, is a rad album that flows like poetry to the ears. If you like beefing up those ceps, staring at those ceps in the mirror, eating crow burgers down at the Rock Bottom Café, and getting those gains on then the Chad’s voice is the voice for you. Go Macon, and long live the Chad and Nickelback.

Duck-Duck-Goose Brings Success to School, Children Probably Frolicking in Fields

Hinkle ‘16
Dad’s Name is Richard

Yellow Jackets, the time has come to start playing a new sport. Our current teams’ season records have been on a steady decline for years, and it’s finally time to call it for all of our old ODAC sports. Our football team is mostly made up of gorillas stolen from local zoos, but we still can’t seem to lose by less than 50 points no matter how hard we try. On top of that, the train keeps coming through our field during the middle of practice and injuring

players. Our swim team has to wear arm floaties and flippers and the second stringers still use snorkels. Worst of all, our baseball team has declared that every player is a pitcher so that our one designated hitter can actually score a run. We have to find a new sport to participate in. At first, I thought Quidditch was the answer to our problem. I started to push the idea up the ladder (even though most people thought it was just too cool of a sport for us), but had no success. As it turns out, our school doesn’t have enough money to buy brooms for our players. The janitors don’t even have an extra to spare. I guess that’s what happens when you go to a

second-rate school. Finally, I found a sport that we can both dominate in and afford: Duck-Duck-Goose. We’re holding tryouts for our new DDG team next Thursday, juice and cookies will be provided afterwards. We won’t have an official jersey due to lack of funding, so find any Randolph-Macon shirt you can find so you don’t get confused of what team your on. We really need to be good at this guys, so bring everything you’ve got. Once the team has been made will be practicing 10 hours a day. This may interfere with your classes, but we all know that we don’t learn anything at this school anyway. Hopefully all of the practice will pay off

quickly, because the local DDG season will start in only a few weeks. There are some really great teams in the league, including the varsity teams from Elmont Elementary and Liberty Middle. Don’t let their size fool you, the kids from these schools are tough and will be some serious competition. They may be able to outsmart us, but we will have size on our side. Yellow Jackets, give up on our pointless sports. I know you’re tired of seeing us lose at everything we do. Come to the Duck-Duck-Goose tryouts next Thursday and help earn a big ole’ trophy for Randy-Mac (let’s just hope we don’t have to play H-SC).

Macon’s Trayless Mayhem Makes Meals Matter

Slochin Rolyart ‘14.17
Exchange Student from Alberta

As a new “go green” plan Randolph-Macon is doing this year, we decided to go trayless. When I heard this, I automatically liked it, since green matches my camo cargo shorts. Macon students never knew the wonderful new innovations that were going to come to our campus next. The “go green” plan was going great for the first few weeks. Students were learning to juggle all their plates, cups, and silverware around; very helpful since now we could hopefully make money as

street performers after college. Then the administration suggested that we take it a step further and get rid of plates and cups and silverware. The students protested, saying it was annoying to have to hold your drink in one hand the whole meal, and the school gave back everything. Then one day Al Gore came into the Presidents office (I knew it was Al Gore from my Democrat’s in History class) with three big men carrying heavy sticks and one carrying a set of jumper cables. Nobody knows what happened in that room, but the next day all the trays, plates, cups, and silverware were gone. Now, after a while, people started to

get pretty hungry and thirsty only being able to eat one handful of food and drink one palmful per day. People started to get pretty hungry, and then it started. I was sitting with my Democrats in History class, thinking as I always do about how Hillary looks naked, and if Bill would mind, and then the guy two rows over takes a big chomp out of the shoulder of the guy in front of him. Then chaos broke out, the past few weeks everybody’s been turning into living zombies, trying to get a chomp out of anybody else at any time. It turned out that everybody had been as hungry as this guy; he was just the one who made

it socially acceptable. It’s been like Hunger Games here, and anybody who shows a sign of weakness gets chomped. I’ve been hiding in my room for the past two days surviving off protein shakes (those gains tho!) and cheese dip. I would go out and get my gun from the gun locker and put an end to this madness, but the only problem is we don’t have a gun locker. Regardless, I can sit this out. While I wait for everybody else to die I’ll just put in another Nickelback CD and do what I do on a normal day: jam, cry, jam, cry. Despite all this, we’re totally ahead of Hampden-Sydney greenwise and everything wise. Suck it Sydney.



The cause of the zombie apocalypse.
Never remove them, lest we forget.
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